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28, 2003, and 10/6/2267, filed on the same date as the present application (entitled "Support Pillow for Small Infants", attorney docket no. 17242-011000). The complete disclosures of all these references are herein incorporated by reference.

[0018] Pillow 10 may have an average radius of curvature that permits it to conform to the shape of a person's torso while still having its ends separated enough so that it may fit around individuals of various sizes. The radius of curvature may be in the range from about 6 inches to about 16 inches, and more preferably from about 9 inches to about 11 inches. This may permit ends 20 and 22 to be separated by a distance in the range from about 14 inches to about 28 inches without stretching ends 20 and 22 apart. If pulled apart, the ends may separate several inches further. The distance from end 20 to end 22 through midsection 14 may be in the range from about 21 inches to about 42 inches, and more preferably from about 28 inches to about 36 inches. The distance from ends 20 and 22 to the inside of midsection 14 may be in the range from about 5 inches to about 11 inches, and more preferably from about 6 inches to about 7 inches. End sections 16 and 18 may have a length in the range from about 7 inches to about 15 inches, and more preferably from about 11 inches to about 13 inches. End sections 16 and 18 may also taper toward ends 20 and 22. The amount of taper may be in the range from about 10 inches to about 6 inches, and more preferably from about 8 inches to about 7 inches, near midsection 14 and taper to about 8 inches to about 3 inches, and more preferably from about 5 inches to about 4 inches, at ends 20 and 22. The height of midsection 14 may be in the range of about 9 inches to about 4 inches, and more preferably from about 7 inches to about 5 inches. This height may lessen along end sections 16 and 18 so that the height at ends 20 and 22 may be in the range from about 5 inches to about 1 inch, and more preferably about 3 inches. Midsection 14 may have a width in the range from about 10 inches to about 5 inches and more preferably from about 7 inches to about 8 inches, and a length in the range from about 12 inches to about 24 inches and more preferably from about 16 inches to about 20 inches.

[0019] Such dimensions permit pillow 10 to be used with children, teenagers and adults of various sizes. For example, when sitting down, inner side 30 would generally conform to the user's stomach and wrap around her sides. End sections 16 and 18 taper to permit them to fit between the arms of a chair and the user's side. Pillow 10 also has a height that permits a baby to sit on the pillow while breast feeding and to be positioned at an optimal height. A user's arms or elbows may also rest on pillow 10 to hold an item at about eye level. By

having ends 20 and 22 wrap around the user's side, it facilitates supporting of the user's arms or elbows.

[0020] As shown in Figs. 3a and 3b, a removable slip cover 40 may be placed over cover 26. Slip cover 40 may be constructed of a wide variety of fabrics, including any of those used for cover 26. Slip cover 40 may be configured to tightly conform to the shape of pillow 10 and may have one or more openings and one or more fasteners to permit pillow 10 to be inserted into cover 40 and then close cover 40. Cover 40 may also be used if pillow 10 is inflatable. Suitable types of slip covers are also described in U.S. Patent No. 6,453,493 incorporated herein by reference.

[0021] Although not shown, it will be appreciated that other features may be added to pillow 10. For example, various toys or other items may be attached to or surrounded above pillow 10 as described in any of the references incorporated herein. Also a strap may extend between ends 20 and 22 to help hold pillow 10 about a user. As other examples, one or more pockets or other attachment members (such as straps) may be attached to pillow 10 to hold a variety of items, such as described in the references incorporated herein. As some specific examples, the pockets may be used to hold bottles, toys, burping cloths, and the like. Pillow 10 may also have one or more handles to help transport the pillow. Such handles may be similar to those described in references incorporated herein. Still further, pillow 10 may have a head member (such as an animal head) attached anywhere along the pillow, such as at one end. Examples of such head members are described in the references incorporated herein.

[0022] Pillow 10 may be packaged and stored using a variety of packing devices, purses or the like. Examples of such packages and bags are described in references incorporated herein and in copending U.S. Application No. 09/884,742, filed June 18, 2001, and 10/612,265, filed on the same date as the present application (entitled "Diaper Bag and Carrying Device", attorney docket no. 017242-010800US), incorporated herein by reference. Pillow 10 may also be displayed using any of the techniques or devices described in U.S. Patent No. 6,119,873 incorporated herein by reference.

[0023] Referring now to Fig. 4, pillow 10 is shown resting on the lap of a user. The user is sitting in a chair 50 having a pair of arms 52 and 54. In this position, midsection 14 rests on the user's lap while end sections 16 and 18 wrap around the user's sides. Ends 20 and 22 fit between arms 52 and 54. In this way, a book or the user's elbows may rest on pillow 10. As another alternative, a baby may rest on pillow 10 while being fed or nursed. Examples of

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As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **MULTI-USE PILLOW AND METHODS** the specification of which was filed on July 1, 2003 as Application No. 10/612,266 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

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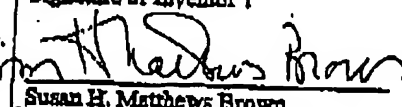
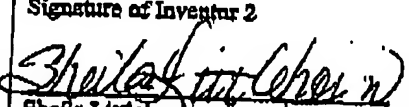
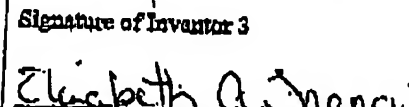
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